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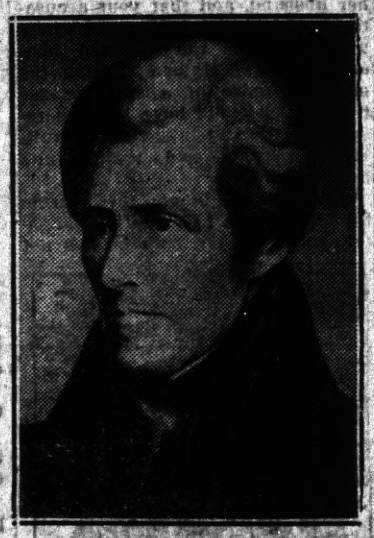
Democrats Observe Jackson Day

COMMENT
By the Editor

"IF, AS, AND WHEN"—If it is true, as is reported, that the Veteran Administration of California is using the money voted by the people for homes and farms ....and are using this money to purchase state warrants they are simply violating the plain mandate of the people because these bonds were sold for one purpose and one purpose only: to buy farms and homes for veterans on loans which are to be paid back to the state, at a definite time. Now, if they are using this money to buy state warrants which have no definite date of maturity—payable only "if-as-and-when" the state may have the money to redeem them, which may not be for several years or more. Consequently, the warrants are a hazardous investment, and for the Veterans Administrative Board to use the bond money for such unauthorized purchases is nothing more nor less than plain gambling.

TO BE HONORED BY NATION-WIDE DINNERS

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



ANDREW JACKSON

Past and present leaders of the Democracy to be honored at the 3,000 dinners in every State in the Union on Jackson Day, January 8th. The East Bay Dinner will be held at the Leamington Hotel.

Over 3000 Clubs in Nation To Banquet in Honor of "Old Hickory"

"Young Democrats of the Nation! Tonight I am going to give you the opportunity for party service which you have for so long told me you desire. Jackson Day—next January 8th—has been selected for the opening of the 1936 Democratic campaign. The anniversary of "Old Hickory's" Triumph has historic significance in our Democratic annals. This time it has been decided to give it not only historic significance but make it a mark of party loyalty.

"It is our hope—and I am confident I can rely upon you for its fulfillment—that the day will be marked by the greatest testimonial to our President and our party which this nation has ever witnessed. We expect every county, every town, and every city to take an active and militant part in this re-consecration of our citizens to the ideals to which the Democratic Party is committed.

All Democrats Are Invited

"It is not intended that the Jackson Day dinners shall be an occasion for the entertainment of only the four million individuals who are enrolled in the Young Democratic Clubs of America. We have asked for, and expect you to maintain contact and cooperation with your respective Democratic State, County, and Precinct officers so that the millions of the of the friends of President Roosevelt, who are not members of your organization may have all opportunity of joining with you wherever you may meet on the evening of January 8th.

The President Will Speak

"President Roosevelt from the speakers table of the Washington Jackson Day Dinner will broadcast a message to your organization which we will arrange to have reach every other dinner table at which loyal Democrats are gathered." Thus, speaketh the Hon. James A. Farley, Postmaster General by appointment of the President, and F. D.R.'s righthand No. 1 organization man—head of the Democratic National Committee.

He addressed last week all of the Young Democrat Clubs, which will this year handle the traditional party feast.

Contra Costans to East Bay Feed

In this locality the nearest of the dinners is to be at the Hotel Leamington in Oakland, 6 p.m. on next Wednesday. The President's address, over the radio, will be at seven.

Speaker of the evening will be Louis Ferrari, vice president and counsel for the Bank of America. Mrs. Henry Francis Grady, well-known East Bay democratic figure and wife of Dean Grady of U. C. who is also a New Deal administrator, will also be there, together with many other spellbinders from the Democratic stump who will be aranged for by H. H. Whiting, the chairman.

Profits for Campaign Funds

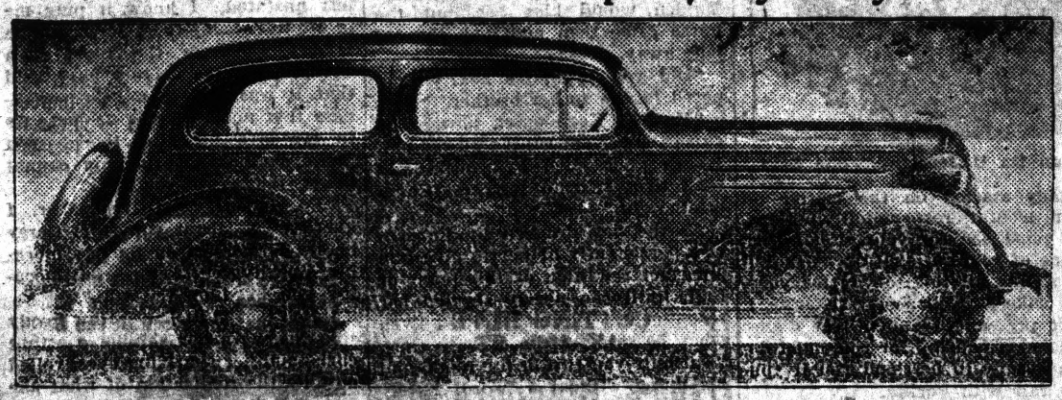
All profit from the affair is to be sent to Washington, and a complete record of contributions made to the 1936 campaign fund thru attending the Jackson Day dinners

(Continued on Editorial Page)

ROBERT BREMNER

Specialist in railroad law. Attorney for Coast Lines, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway and Santa Fe Transportation Company since 1928 with headquarters at Los Angeles. Heads legal forces of Santa Fe seeking permission to operate a coordinated stage and rail system in California through an affiliate, the Santa Fe Transportation Company.

Chief Cooper's Chariot Will Be Classy Chevrolet From Claar Chevrolet Company by City Council



God loves good little boys and girls and sometimes The Divinity even smiles on the city council or so it would appear. At any rate when the city legislators met last Monday night they found the path that was rough had been made smooth and easy to traverse.

Some time ago, the council was called upon to purchase a fire truck for Point Richmond, and the excruciating problem consumed all but a few days of a month. So it must have been with some trepidation that they approached the sealed bids calling for the purchase of one brand-new red automobile for the use of the Fire Chief.

At length the city clerk opened and read the bids—and lo, and behold, if there wasn't over a hundred bucks difference between the lowest and next lowest bids. And was "t THAT a New Year's present?

Dr. Hinkley didn't say "jack robinson" but he did make the motion to accept the lowest bid in about the time it takes Mrs. Chandler quickly seconded, and all agreed before anyone could think of changing one's mind.

So now Chief Cooper has a new Chevrolet Chariot to Chase to Conflagrations in—only we hope he won't have to use it, for that purpose, very much. Keep the home fires from burning!.

Democratic County Committee

The regular January meeting of the Democratic County Central Committee of Contra Costa County will be held tonight at the court house in Martinez.

CONGRESSMAN WRIGHT PATMAN TO SPEAK IN OAKLAND

Congressman Wright Patman, author of the Patman Bonus Bill and leader of the House Committee investigating chain store activities, will leave Washington by air on Sunday Jaunary 19th to attend the coming state convention of the California independent businessmen to be held in Oakland on the 20th and 21st of January.

His subject will be "The Battle of the Century." Governor Merriam has accepted an invitation to attend. Leaders of many state trade organizations and leading independent merchants from all parts of the state are participating in the meet.

Run an ad in the PROGRESS

Honeymoon Murder

CAROLYN WELLS

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SYNOPSIS

Perilla Fairfax and Corey Malden are to be married the next day at Lovell Terrace, Long Island home of John Lovell, her stepfather. Gathered are Tony Gaskell, best man, a lawyer; Hilda Sheldon, maid of honor; and Pete Wilson and Bob Coles, friends of Perilla's brother, ushers. Corey is very wealthy. He is thirty-eight and Perilla twenty-four, but it is a true love match. Everybody is busy, including Jane Latimer, Mrs. Lovell's pretty and efficient social secretary. There is a dress rehearsal and Malcolm and Bob are sent to get the Tenney girls. When the party is breaking up the night before the wedding, Malcolm complains of a headache. Tony produces some white tablets and nearly every one takes one, including Corey. After the wedding Perilla tells her mother that Bob had repeated his threat that if she ever married anyone except him, he would kill her, the bridegroom, or himself. Her mother insists Bob was only teasing her. In a Baltimore hotel room Corey tells Perilla, "you won't like my mother. She isn't lovable," then drops to the floor dead as he holds her in his arms. Alone, except for Boynton, the chauffeur, and Sarah, her maid, Perilla has Boynton telephone her father to come by plane with Malcolm. A physician says the death resulted from natural causes. When Perilla arrives at the Malden home she is greeted by Madame Malden with, "you murdered him." That night she enters Perilla's room by a balcony window.

CHAPTER III—Continued

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"I promise," said the old woman, sullenly.

"I am not at all sure you will keep your promise. A Malden would never break a given word, but you are not a Malden. You are not to be trusted in anything, therefore, tomorrow I put the whole business before your lawyer. Everything, mind."

"No, no," came the screeching again, and as Perilla jumped out of bed and held her captive, she called to Sarah to fetch the nurse.

"Find her somehow," she said, "if you have to rouse the whole household."

Sarah soon found her, sleeping soundly, and carried her off to Perilla.

"One moment, Miss Seymour," she said. "Is Madame Malden subject to fancies? To imaginations?"

"At times, yes," the nurse replied.

"Take her away, please, and ask her not to have them any more."

Perilla had just been wakened next morning when Malcolm arrived from the railroad station and she hurried downstairs to greet him.

"Wait a minute, Pril," he said, as he led her to a settee in the corner of the porch. "Listen here. Don't say a single word to anybody, which can be quoted as yours. I mean, confine everything you say to casual subjects, like the weather, the beauty of the place, the house, or the city of Richmond. But not a word of Corey, or any of us, of yourself, of anything personal. I can't say more now, but, remember."

John Lovell joined them, they had a family breakfast, and then Perilla dismissed the servants.

"Did you learn anything in Washington?" she asked her brother.

"No," he returned, "except that we want to keep perfectly quiet, and get away from here and back to New York as soon as we can."

"Tell it all, Mal," said Lovell, "we must know. You can speak low. I doubt anybody is listening."

"Well, then," and Malcolm spoke in a low whisper, "there are hints, or at least, vague murmurs about Pril being alone with Corey in the room—you know. I think, so far, there is no harm done, but it is like a smoldering flame, a breath would set it off. I saw your two friends, Perilla, meaning Carleton and Carmichael, and they agree it will all fade away, if there is nothing more said or done. They tell me to beware of Farman, the little lawyer person down here. But Garth will be here by noon, so he'll handle that issue. You know him, Perilla?"

"Yes, he's a delightful man, and one of Corey's best friends."

"I'm afraid it's going to be difficult to decide what or who a best friend is. And here's another thing. Leave the old 'un to me. I've a notion I can fix her."

Perilla had just summoned the servants when Dillon came with a message for Malcolm. It was a command to visit the sitting room of his hostess at once.

Malcolm was not especially pleased at the tone of the message, but he went with Dillon at once, and was received by Madame Malden in her most pompous and antagonistic mood.

CHAPTER IV

"HOW do you do, Mrs. Malden?" Malcolm said, cheerfully, grasping Madame Malden's hand with a hearty shake, before she could stop him. "I am Malcolm Fairfax, and I'm glad of an opportunity to talk to you. I think I can be of real help to you."

Corey's mother, who had become more and more amazed at this astonishing young man, began to look a little frightened.

"All right, all right, lady, don't feel the slightest alarm. But we must be alone, it is imperative. Dillon, you may go, and Miss Seymour, too, please." He gave the nurse one of his best smiles.

The two faded from view, and Malcolm drew his chair nearer to the old lady, who was now fuming with anger.

"There, there," Malcolm said, soothingly, "I told you I want to help you. Why get mad at that?"

"You are the madman!" she exploded, "what do you mean by addressing me in this manner?"

"Can't you even understand the meaning of words? My, my! What a pity! Now, I'm a good sort, and truly I can help you. I have lots of influence. Listen here, now; where do you want to go? Just you tell me, and I'll see that you get there."

"Get where? I don't want to go anywhere."

"That's too bad, but you'll have to, you know—after—you know—after what you said."

"What did I say? I didn't say anything that I shouldn't—"

"Oh, piffle! Don't take it that way. That won't help you any. Too many witnesses. Drop it. Now, here's where I come in. You must have a choice of places, and I can tell you that to be able to get your choice is a great thing—yes, sir, a very great thing."

"Choice of what?"

"Of places—places to go. I don't know the nicest ones down here; I know the New York ones, but I suppose you'd rather stay near home. So, out with it! Is there a good one nearby?"

"A good what?"

"H—l, but you're dense. Look here, you're sane now, aren't you?"

"I certainly am."

"Well, lots of times you're not, and they've put up with it just as long as they can, but when you said that—you know—you spilled the beans. Now, you've got to go—"

"Go where?"

"Good land, you're stupid! To an institution, an asylum for the insane, if you want it in plain English. Now, don't begin to scream—that won't get you anywhere."

Madame's hand was clapped over her mouth; she looked like one hypnotized.

"You see, it was the last straw when you said—"

"What did I say?"

"Poor lady! Don't you even remember? Well, it often goes that way. You said," again Malcolm's deep whisper had a tone as of utter condemnation, "you said—that Perilla murdered Corey! Corey, her beloved, her other self. You never saw them together—I have. They were born for each other—but, pshaw, all this you know, and then you hint, you say outright, that Perilla killed Corey. A long time they have suspected you of being mad, now they know it, you proved it on yourself. So, as I say, you must go—go—"

"Not to a madhouse—no, NO!"

"Don't shriek. Be quiet. Not to a madhouse now, perhaps, but to an asylum—and then, you'll go on, you know. You can't stop, you've gone too far. You see, an accusation of murder is a pretty serious matter.

"You know all this is true. You know there are great and powerful ones in Washington—who are none too fond of you. Who loved Corey, but who would not raise a finger to save a jealous maniac from the madhouse where she already belongs. You know Perilla adored her husband, and that your accusation is rubbish. Yet you would willingly drag the old and honored name of Malden through the mud and mire of a silly murder trial, which could have but one result—Perilla's triumphant acquittal and your own infamy and degradation.

"John Lovell is not the man to take quietly an insult to his daughter, and I am not sure he has not

"You Do Understand," She Said.

already started on the matter of your mental responsibility. Now, you must see for yourself—if this is one of your rational days—that I am saying all this to you for your own sake as well as my sister's. I don't pretend to an entirely disinterested friendship for you, but I do stand ready to befriend you if you play fair with Perilla.

"Listen to this; it is short; you can learn it:

"Of what did Corey die, according to the doctor's certificate?

"Of heart failure.

"What caused this heart failure? An unsuspected weakness of the heart. That was made out and signed by one of the most famous physicians in Washington, and do you dare presume to pit your feeble knowledge of physiology against his? Do you dare say he is wrong and you are right? Especially, as when you said that fearful thing, you didn't know what you were saying?"

"No, sir—no, Mr. Fairfax," came a trembling voice. "What can I do to set matters right?"

"I fear it is too late for that. As I told you, those words of yours sealed your doom. I only came to offer my help in seeing to it that you got to the institution you preferred."

"Oh, Mr. Malcolm, don't let me go! You have influence, you are kind-hearted, save me—save me, for Corey's sake, save me!"

"You should have thought of this before you denounced your daughter-in-law. But your lawyer, Mr. Farman, is coming soon. Perhaps he can find a way out."

"No, he can't—he is a nitwit. Oh, you help me! You are a fine young man, and Farman is a back number."

"But he knows you said that about Perilla, and he knows how serious it is."

"I'll tell him I didn't mean it. I'll be lovely to Perilla, and it won't be pretense. I do love her, I took to her at once. And if she will only forgive my—"

"Look here, Mrs. Malden, you'll have to have that out with Perilla. She is not easy to hoodwink, and you'll have to convince her of your sincerity. But if you can do that, the rest will follow. Otherwise, I'm pretty sure you're on the road to somewhere."

"And will you send Perilla to me?"

"I prefer to be here also. May I ring the bell?"

"Do. That brass one. You insist on staying with us?"

"I fear I must. But don't let me embarrass you. It will be better for you to have me here."

Perilla was soon found and brought to the sitting-room.

"Sit down," was the gruff invitation. "I want to make up with you."

At a meaning glance from Malcolm Perilla said pleasantly, "Oh, there's nothing to make up. You didn't want to see me, but now you have seen me again, I'm not so bad, am I?"

"You're lovely! I don't wonder Corey adored you."

Perilla nearly fell off her chair in surprise. What miracle had Malcolm brought about?

"Yes, he did adore me. We planned to be so happy—"

"Yes, dear—yes, yes. Now today I want you to remember that I am your friend, will you? The lawyers will be here, and I want you to see them, if possible, in my place. I can't understand their talk and their arguments as I used to, and you must help me out—both of you."

She smiled at Malcolm, who grinned back at her, and they both said they would do all they could to help.

Perilla said afterward that she was scared to death that Madame Malden would kiss her, but the nurse came then and took the old lady away.

"Did you hypnotize her?" whispered Perilla to her brother.

"Maybe. Keep quiet, now. The game's never out till it's played out. Watch your step, Pril, especially with that Farman lawyer. Garth is all right."

As the day dragged by Farman was persistently at her to give him an exact rendition of this point or that, until she nearly showed her resentment. But not quite. Even when he said for the dozenth time, "But only you two in the room, and his dying without a word, surely you must admit it looks queer."

"I fail to see anything queer about it," she would say, each time. "Now, Mr. Farman, if you have any lingering suspicion that I killed my husband, voluntarily or by accident, I would prefer you to say so, rather than hint such an absurdity. Every one who knows us at all will tell you that my husband and I were on most affectionate terms, and that we looked forward joyously to a happy life together. An unknown heart trouble unexpectedly showed itself, and he died instantly, as many other seemingly healthy men have done. If you believe differently, tell us your proofs, your evidences, your reasons for such belief. You have no such reasons, and I cannot see why you are assuming this attitude."

When Garth arrived from Philadelphia he was sympathetic and kind in a really comforting way. He called for a conference at once, and gathered about him, the widow, her father and brother, and sent for Madame Malden, if she chose to appear. She did not, however, and deputized Perilla to take her place. Farman was, of course, present, and the family doctor, whose name was Spurgeon.

The talk was entirely informal, and Garth, as lawyer for Corey Malden, told the others how matters stood financially. The will would be read on Friday, after the funeral services, and as there were many small bequests to friends and to servants, he would not bore them with these minor matters. The chief point was that the large part of Corey Malden's enormous fortune was bequeathed to his wife, with a smaller but goodly amount to his mother, this to revert to the wife at the mother's death.

Garth, Antony Gaskell and Richard Carleton were executives and trustees for Perilla and Madame Malden. Perilla was glad she had met Dick Carleton in Washington, he was so kind and friendly. Tony, of course, she already knew, and Garth was a splendid man.

After lunch, Garth asked Perilla to go for a stroll with him through the gardens. He tried to express his deep sorrow for her in her grief, which for the moment must be stifled.

"You do understand," she said. "It is hard for me, I am so alone, even though my people are here. And I cannot tell friend from enemy. Madame Malden has 'made up' with me, as she calls it, but there's no telling when she will face the other way. Is she entirely all right, mentally?"

"Doctor Spurgeon is a fine physician and he says she is sound of brain, but her emotions are so warped and biased it is possible she may give way utterly at any time. I am so glad you and she are friendly, and I am glad, too, you will not live together, for you are right in assuming that she may at any time 'face the other way.' Now, don't let her get on your nerves, for after you are gone from here she will cease to think of you at all. That may not sound complimentary, but it is far better so. Now, tell me, very frankly, have you told the full and exact truth as to the circumstances of Corey's death?"

At anyone else Perilla would have felt angry at this flatfooted question.

"Yes, Mr. Garth, I have," she answered readily. "So far as I know there is no point or detail I have left unstated. I know it puts me in a questionable light, for it is true I was alone in the room with Corey. But the doctors have said that it was due to a heart weakness that nobody knew he had. As to my love for him, though you know me but slightly, you cannot doubt that, can you?"

"No, indeed. And remember, I heard much about you from Corey before I saw you on Sunday morning. Luckily you stopped that morning you fixed up the will."

Garth looked at her. How lovely she was, with her shining chestnut curls, and her sparkling eyes, veiled now by the realization of what she was going through.

Garth yearned to get her out of this place, this danger hole, where snakes of venomous type glided about. "You're leaving right after the funeral tomorrow?" he said.

"So immediately that I fear it will bother them. But I don't want to hear the will read again, and most of all I don't want to meet relatives and friends who will look at me curiously—or worse."

"That's right, get away as soon as you can. I'll stay a day or two, in order to overhaul that Farman person and get the low-down on the old lady. May I come to see you when I get back? Where will you be?"

"I'm going right to the New York house. Mother has moved up from the shore, and I'm glad of it. And, Mr. Garth, I want you to carry on just as if Corey were here. I mean as to my business matters. Will you be my attorney, or lawyer, or whatever the proper word is?"

(TO BE CONTINUED)

SOCIETY NEWS ❧ CLUBS ❧ LODGES

Miss Katherine McCracken, Social Editor—Phone Richmond-691W

Point Chapter, O. E. S.

The Point Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held its first meeting ith its new corps of officers on Thursday night with Mrs. Margret Allyn, worthy matron, presiding and with Leroy Alexander as worthy patron. Mrs. Allyn is a gracious and efficient officer and the chapter confidently expects in 1936 to be one of noteworthy achievement under her leaedrship. After the business session a banquet was served under the chairmanship of Mrs. Fred Wake, Mrs. Mary Wade, and Miss Katherine McCracken.

Mr. and Mfs. H. W. Pierce entertained as holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. Byron Douglas and two children of Chico. The Douglases have returned to their home as of last weeek.

Mrs. Chloe Childs will entertain the Ladies of the First M. E. Church this afternoop at her home o nCottage Avenue. Mrs. Childs is a wonderful hostess and a very interesting afternoon is anticipated.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Cramer have as their house guest ,on Martina Street, Mrs. Cramer's sister. Mrs. Daisy K. Bell, of Topeka, Kanses. Mrs. Bell will spend he remainder of the winter at the Point where she is well known, having visited here several times before.

The Progress extends its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Martin Martens who recently received notice of the death of her mother in Germany. Two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Martens paid a visit to the old country after an absence of 25 years, and at that time they were greeted by all of their parents.

Miss Delia Colle visited in Point Richmond last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan C. Wunderlich were among the happy visitors to San Francisco on New Year's Eve.

The Gebharts New Year's Party

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gebhart celebrated New Year's Eve by giving a house party at their new home at 450 Western Drive. Those who were present to enjoy their hospitality were M. and Mrs. N. S. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Spiersch, Mr. and Mrs. John Battaya, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grout, Miss Hortense Gnaga, Mr. Mark Gebhart and the host and the hostess.

Boy Scouts to Long Barn

Troop No. 1, Point Richmond, Boy Scouts of America, made up of Leroy Williams, Raymond Golden, John Sephens, James Forbes, and Edward McGarvey, spent four days last week at Long Barn.They were joined by some scouts from Pittsburg and had a fine time frolicing in the snows of the High Sierras.

H. U. Wilkins and family have returned to their home on Washington Avenue after spending the holidays with Mrs. Wilkin's mother, Mrs. P. C. Campbell, in Vaca-

Mr. and Mrs. George Cunan had as their house guest on Nevada Avenue, their daughter, Mrs. Frank Moore and small son Michael. They were joined by Mr. Moore on New Year's Eve, and are returning home to Coalinga early in the month.

Mrs. S. H. Gnaga has moved her Real Estate office and Fancywork business to her new home at the corner of Tunnel and Nicholl Avenues. Her telephoen number is: Richmond—1393.

Mrs. Clifton Bradley entertained her Sunday School Class at a New Year's party given in the church parlors of the First M. E. Church last Wednesday afternoon. Among those present were Misses Elaine Boutelle, Marian George, Lorraine Hasey, Alice Davis, Dorothy Dornan, Geraldine O'Brien, Lois Mattock, Nellie Hofstetter.

A Long Distance Call

Miss Mary Cummings, a member of the Board of Education in San Farncisco, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. J. Fitton, of 483 West Richmond Avenue. The sisters in San Francisco called up and talked to another sister over the long distance telephone to Freeport, Ill. on Christmas day.

Trinity Christmas Pageant

The children put on a really impressive little play, with Gordon Hughes as the "Littlest Shepherd" and little Audrey Brasser as the Star, Dianne Allyn as Mary, Claire McCook as the Angel, Donald Fisi as Joseph, Demetrios Allyn, Frank Moscrop, and Ruth Dingle as the Three Wise Men, and Claude Shaw as the attendant. Norman Hultberg, Robert Ellis and Nathaniel Allyn were shepherds.

Mrs. Rebecca Littel is quite ill at he rhome on Nicholl Avenue.

Miss Jane Kunkle Convalescing

The many friends of Miss Jane Kunkle, popular Point Richmond miss, who was recently operated on for appendicitis at the Richmond Cottage Hospital, will be hapy to know that she is recovering nicely, and will soon be about again. Her 1935 Christmas was spoiled when she had to be rushed to the hospital, but it will soon be only a happy memory.

Mr. and Mrs. John V. Fry left Sunday afternoon for their home in Long Beach.

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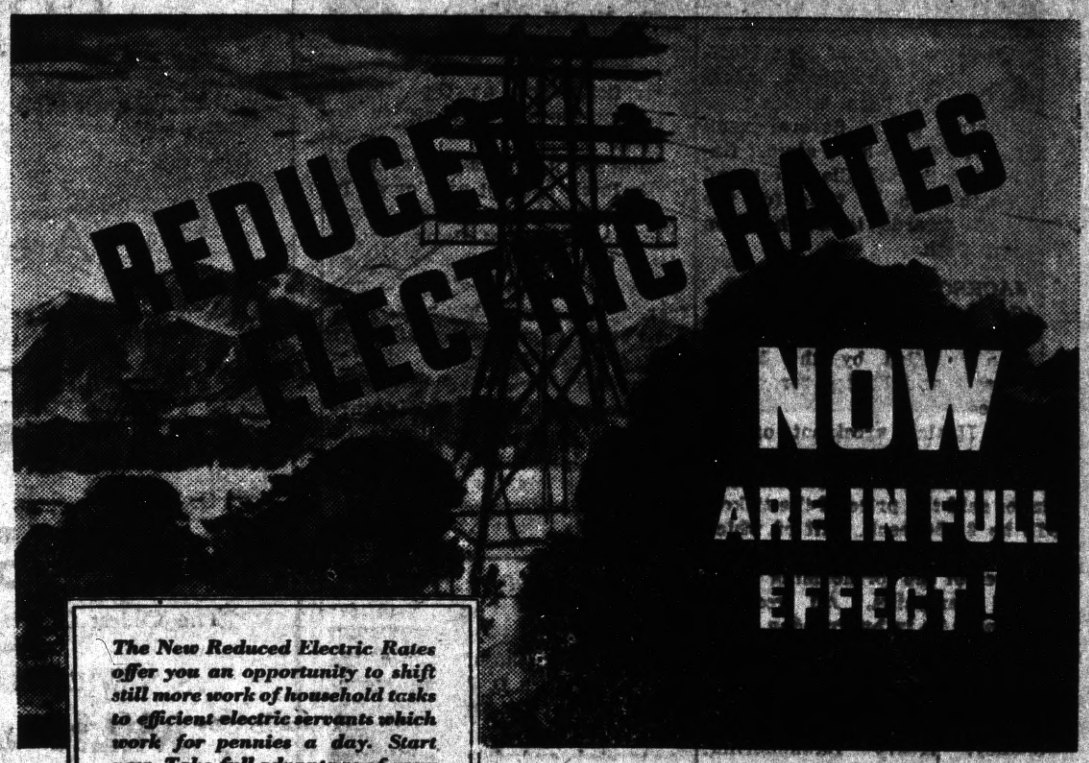

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Let's See ... Give your eyes Better Light for Better Sight with one of the new floor or table lamps that you can turn up or turn down to vary lighting intensity. Prices have never been lower for these better lamps.

★ ★

Sit Down while you iron with one of the new electric ironing machines. Effortless ironing, it is called, because it takes away the backache from ironing day.

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EVERY TIME you turn on the lights and plug in an electric appliance or glance at the electric clock in your home, reduced rate electricity—cheaper than ever before—is working for you

Under these new low rates, too, is the added incentive to do more electrically with better light for better sight, and use more electric servants to save work and give added comfort and convenience to everyday home life. The added incentive is this: The more electric servants you use, the less you pay for the added hourly units of electricity. For these new low rates are step-down rates—the unit cost of electricity goes down as you let electricity do more of your work.

How will you take advantage of reduced electric rates? Well, you can now buy and put into use the various electric appliances you have had in mind as the next home purchase. A refrigerator to cut down food bills and give you handy ice cubes or frozen desserts. An electric heater for the chilly bathroom. An electric washer and ironer to take the backache out of washday. A vacuum cleaner, a dishwasher or an electric range and water heater.

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3,000-Mile Hitch-Hike Ends

Weary and bedraggled from their 3,000-mile hitch-hike across the continent, Mrs. Katharine Coker, twenty-one, is pictured with her daughter, Vista May, three, and baby, Dennis, one year old, after their arrival in Baltimore, Md. Mrs. Coker's husband and his half-brother accompanied them on the journey by foot, freight car and friendly auto.

Blood Transfusion Saves a Dog

Spike, a burly St. Bernard, at left, sacrificing a half-pint of blood to aid his pal, Mac, young Great Dane, in Los Angeles. Mac's physicians declared the transfusion had saved the life of the patient, who was suffering from pneumonia after an automobile accident.

TELLS JAPAN PLOT

Clyde E. Pangborn, famous aviator, photographed as he told the congressional committee on patents about Japan's alleged scheme to join forces with Russia in conquering the world. He claimed to have learned of the plot while circumnavigating the globe.

Cattle Calm Passengers

Cattle are perhaps the most philosophic of all animal passengers on ocean vessels, despite the fate that usually awaits them after they are landed at their destination. They are shipped in wooden pens made to hold four. On account of the large numbers transported across the ocean, just enough room is allowed for two to stand and two to lie down at one time. By some mysterious understanding between them, they arrange "watches" or turns at standing, and each pair stands up and lies down for fairly equal intervals throughout the voyage without fuss or bother.

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Review of the History-Making Events of Last Week

Franco-British Peace Plan Collapses and Hoare Resigns—Benes Elected President of Czechoslovakia—Christmas Pay for WPA Workers.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

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IF IT really was intended to bring about peace between Italy and Ethiopia, the plan proposed by British Foreign Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare and Premier Laval of France turned out a dismal failure. The storm of opposition to the scheme which would give Mussolini two-thirds of the African country as a reward for stopping an attack that was denounced by the League of Nations, brought the British and French governments to the point of collapse. To save the Baldwin cabinet, Hoare resigned on the eve of a parliamentary battle in the house of commons, and it was believed the government thus would be able to win a vote of confidence. Hoare was made the goat, for the entire ministry shared the responsibility of the peace plan.

Sir Samuel Hoare

In Paris Edouard Herriot, member of the cabinet without portfolio, resigned as president of the powerful Radical Socialist party whose support is needed by Laval to maintain his majority in the parliament. Herriot's action, in the opinion of some observers, presaged Laval's early downfall.

Hoare's position became untenable when he learned that the peace plan was about to be buried at Geneva. Capt. Anthony Eden, probably never enthusiastic for it, practically repudiated the scheme in a public meeting of the league council. Laval also spoke, more reservedly, declaring that even if the plan were rejected, the council must continue to seek conciliation. After the session, however, he admitted to French newspaper men that the plan, for the time being at least, is dead.

The council received from Addis Ababa a note in which Emperor Haile Selassie bluntly accused Great Britain and France of having violated the league covenant by seeking "to impose upon Ethiopia a predominant control by Italy with the certain aim of entrusting to Italy the administration of the capital and a large part of the territory. The League of Nations in consenting to lend itself to such dissimulation would violate article X of the covenant."

In view of all the opposition and of Mussolini's hint that he would reject the proposals, the league council killed the plan entirely, softening its action by formally thanking Great Britain and France for their "preliminary efforts" toward peace. A permanent committee of 13 councilors—all but the Italian member—was named to study the Italo-Ethiopian crisis.

Dispatches from the front said a great battle was in progress in the Takkaze river sector and that the Italians, after repulsing a strong attack by the Ethiopians, were retaliating with a vigorous counter-movement. A large force of natives was reported to be ambushed in a mountain pass, and the Italian officers declared few would escape. Losses on both sides were heavy.

DESPITE the riotous opposition of students and other youth of Peiping, the Hopei-Chahar political council, supported by Japan, took over the affairs of the autonomous North China provinces, with Gen. Sung Cheh-yuan as its chairman. That gentleman in his first official announcement declared the opposition demonstrations were being promoted by communists, against whom he would take drastic action.

General Sung said he would do his best to promote good relations with neighboring countries "which treat us with equality and reciprocity" (Japan and Manchukuo). He declared his intention to "revive China's traditional virtues, and to develop and spread oriental culture."

IN A special election in Michigan's Third Congressional district Verner W. Main, Republican, was victorious over Howard Cavanagh, Democrat. Main is tentatively in favor of the Townsend plan, but attributed his victory to opposition to the New Deal. The result was nothing much for the Republicans to crow over, for the district is normally heavily Republican.

WHEN Thomas Masaryk, founder of Czechoslovakia and president of the republic since its creation, resigned because he was eighty-six years old and wearied by his labors, he recommended that the parliament elect as his successor Eduard Benes, who was Masaryk's co-worker for establishment of the republic and has been its only minister of foreign affairs. This advice was followed, Benes being chosen by a vote of 340 out of 440 votes. There were 24 votes for Prof. Bohumil Nemec, leader of the pro-Fascists, and 76 abstentions. The Sokols, organization of sportsmen, and the war veterans, supported Benes unanimously, and his victory was hailed as a triumph for democracy.

Eduard Benes

A general reorganization of Czechoslovakia's diplomatic representation abroad will follow the election of the new president. Jan Masaryk, son of the former president, will be recalled from London to act as chief of Benes' chancellery. The minister in Washington, Dr. F. Veverka, is scheduled to move on to London.

Benes, who is fifty-one years old, has had a brilliant diplomatic career. One of the ablest strokes was the creation of the little entente, whereby Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia and Rumania stand together in central Europe. He also achieved an alliance with France.

WORKS Progress Administrator Harry Hopkins issued an order that made happy about 3,500,000 workers under his unit.

"I desire that every regular WPA pay check earned be in the hands of the worker by December 24," Hopkins said, in telegraphed instructions to state program directors. "The law does not permit advance payments, but no effort should be spared to deliver checks due by Christmas eve.

"Overtime work by administrative employees handling pay rolls should be ordered where necessary and courier service should be arranged if necessary to overcome transportation delays caused by congestion in the mails."

President Roosevelt entered on a new round of conferences on the relief program to be provided for in the budget for the fiscal year beginning next July 1. New Deal officials associated with relief were summoned to the White House to offer suggestions for keeping the relief program down so that the administration can point to budget balancing efforts in the 1936 campaign.

Plans for organizing the Civilian Conservation corps on a smaller but permanent basis were discussed with Robert Fechner, CCC director, and a group of cabinet officers. Under the program the CCC enrollment would be cut from 460,000 to 300,000 men by next July 1.

THE eighth of the reciprocal trade agreements has been concluded with Honduras. It was signed at Tegucigalpa but must be ratified by the Honduran congress and confirmed by President Roosevelt. The agreement provides for duty reduction on 17 commodities exported by the United States to Honduras and assurance against increases on 20 others.

Among the concessions by Honduras on United States exports are reductions in duties on smoked hams, shoulders, bacon, and sausages, and on canned meats, except salted and corned beef, by from one-third to one-half; reduction of the rate on butter by two-thirds; lowering the rate on evaporated milk by one-half and those on condensed and dried skimmed milk by one-third. Rates on dried fruit items are lowered by from one-third to three-fourths; on canned fruits, vegetables and fish by from two-thirds to three-fourths. The rate on cotton shirts is cut 50 per cent and there are substantial reductions in rates on denims, cotton hosiery and other textile items.

CALEB J. MILNE IV of Philadelphia, young heir to a textile fortune, who was abducted for ransom, was found bound and gagged five miles from Buckingham, Pa., where he had been thrown from an automobile. It was reported that the relatives had paid $25,000 for his release. Milne was too weak from hunger and exposure to tell a connected story when found. Department of Justice agents were on the trail of the kidnapers and it was believed the gang would soon be rounded up.

FRANK C. WALKER, one of President Roosevelt's strongest supporters, has resigned as executive director of the national emergency council. He will retire to private life, but it is understood he will return to the service of the government as soon as his personal affairs permit. This is taken to mean that he will be appointed postmaster general when James A. Farley relinquishes that post to take over the President's re-election campaign, probably early in the new year.

F. C. Walker

Lyle C. Anderson, who has been solicitor for the NEC since last May, was named to succeed Walker and is already in charge of the council. In his letter of resignation to the President Walker said that he regretted that some of the men in business and industry were impatient with New Deal recovery programs but expressed himself certain the great mass of the country was wholeheartedly behind the President.

THE board of directors of the Knights of Columbus made a tart reply to President Roosevelt in their dispute over our government's position in respect to the alleged religious persecution in Mexico. It concluded with the assertion that Mr. Roosevelt was responsible for the government's failure to follow a long line of precedents "founded upon established American principle."

POPE PIUS conferred red hats on sixteen new cardinals in a public consistory at St. Peter's in Vatican City. Four others received their red hats at their nunciaturas. These twenty bring the sacred college to within two of its full numerical strength for the first time in many years.

DICTATOR of Venezuela for 27 years, during most of the time president of the country, Gen. Juan Vicente Gomez died in Caracas of an old malady at the age of seventy-eight years. The cabinet named Gen. Eleazar Lopez Contreras, minister of war, as provisional president to hold office until his successor is elected by congress. While guns boomed in salute, Gomez was buried on the anniversary of his assumption of power in 1909. On that day he executed a coup d'etat by which he seized the government while President Cipriano Castro was in Europe seeking health. During his regime there were many incipient revolts but he crushed them all with an iron hand; and even when the presidential chair was occupied by others his control of the government was absolute.

Gen. Gomez

Among Gomez's greatest contributions to Venezuela were the establishment of friendly relations with foreign nations and peace within the country, the building of a fine system of automobile highways, and development of natural resources.

He made the most of the great petroleum deposits at Lake Maracaibo, granting many concessions to foreign oil companies, but placing an export tax on oil. The industry in Venezuela grew until it now holds third rank in the world.

Gomez succeeded in paying off the entire debt of his country, amounting to nearly $40,000,000, and at the same time accumulated a great fortune for himself.

McGILL university, the famous Montreal institution, under its new president, Arthur Eustace Morgan, of England, is enlisting in the youth movement. Twelve of its professors who are over sixty-five years of age have been notified that they must retire at the end of the present school year.

Resentment against the action was indicated. Prof. Stephen Leacock, head of the department of political economy, humorist, and writer who was one of those affected by the retirement order, made this terse statement:

"I have plenty to say about the governors of McGill putting me out of the university. But I have all eternity to say it in. I shall shout it down to the mud."

Bride Is Now 76, Bridegroom 31; They Are "as Happy as Larks"

Romance of June-December Holds Up Two Years.

Kansas City, Kan.—Two years of married life has not tarnished the glamour of the June-December romance of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard O. Curtis, who eloped eight days after the divorce of Mr. Curtis was granted in Wyandotte county two years ago, they agreed.

Mrs. Curtis, now seventy-six years old, gazed fondly at her husband, now thirty-one, who resembles a studious grandson rather than a still indulgent bridegroom.

"We're happy as larks," Mrs. Curtis averred, bright eyes blazing. "I still love him and he still loves me.

"If God sees fit to sanctify our marriage I don't see why mere mortals choose to attempt to interfere with our happiness. Even my daughters still won't speak to me, but that doesn't make any difference to me. He is a good boy and takes care of me wonderfully.

"You can tell everybody that we had a lovely celebration of our second anniversary. We stayed home, just the two of us, and enjoyed each other's company. And we'll still be enjoying each other's company as long as we live. This is one marriage that is going to last."

Mr. Curtis was no less enthusiastic about the wedded bliss of the couple.

Curtis said:

"She is everything to me a wife should or could be.

"She has a temper, but I have not, so we get along all right. We haven't had a single 'fuss' since we got married and I'll bet not many married couples can say that.

"We started out to make the marriage a success and despite the criticism that has been thrown in our way since we were married, I believe we can.

"She's the best housekeeper I know," he continued, disdaining her protests, "but she lost her teeth some time ago. We're having some new ones made, though, and she'll soon be able to eat steaks right along with me. And because she's been so nice about me kidding her about her teeth I'm going to take her to see her sister after she gets her new teeth."

"Misplaced Eyebrow" Mustache Is Banned

Columbus, Ohio.—"Misplaced eyebrow" mustaches must go in the state division of insurance, ruled Robert L. Bowen, chief of the division, following an epidemic of lip covering among state insurance examiners. Twenty-eight of the young examiners will have to shave before their next interviews with factory officials in Ohio, said Claude Beals, who directs the examiners.

Aboriginal Woman Cured of Malignant "Spirits"

Convinced that she was beset by malignant spirits, an Australian aboriginal woman was taken to Bellingen hospital, New South Wales, and "cured" of them.

The native belief is that an enemy can cast an "evil eye" spell on another member of the tribe by taking pieces of his or her clothing into the mountains, reciting incantations to the devils, and leaving the pieces there. The woman had missed portions of her scanty wardrobe after a dispute.

She became very ill indeed, and was told to visit a powerful tribal medicine man. A white man, however, persuaded her to go to Bellingen hospital. There she was subjected to X-rays as part of a prearranged plan. The doctor told her that had "debbil-debbils" been at work on her the rays would have revealed it. But the magic machine showed no trace.

Thieves Grab Mile of Railroad Track and Ties

Benton, Ill.—Officials of the Illinois Central report that one mile of railroad, ties and rails alike, has been stolen from the right of way near Cambria, leaving the roadbed bare. County officers said the case was the first time they ever had been asked to aid in recovering a section of a railroad, even though it had been in disuse for several years.

Dog Obeys Traffic Light

Edmonton, Alta.—Edmonton has a dog which obeys traffic signals. It is a little wire-haired terrier. When it goes romping around in the downtown area, the pup stops abruptly when the red traffic light flashes and waits for the green before crossing the street.

PROGRESS SPORTS

News of the Sport World, Mostly Local, in "The Friendly Newspaper That Dares To Tell The Truth"

Stanford Cards Handcuff Texan Footballers

TROOP X—GIRL SCOUTS

Mrs. Bapti, scout leader, has been meeting with Troop X on Thursdays during the holiday vacation at the home of Mrs. Huffstetter, 224 Castro Street, while the girls have been working on their nature books. Several members of the troop have almost finished their Second Class test and will be through in time for the Court of Awards to be held on January 24th.

JACKSON DAY DINNER
(Continued from Page One)

...ll be compiled by the Young Democrats and Farley for future reference.

John Healey, president of the Piedmont Young Democrats and general chairman of the East Bay dinner said the price of the tickets will be $2.00 each, half of which will be sent to Washington for the expenses of the forthcoming presidential campaign. All reservations must be in by Tuesday noon. On the committee handling the affair are: Hortense Burke, Benjamin Chong, Wallace Colthurst, Mrs. Lyle E. Cook, Mrs. Clarence DeLaney, Henry Dannenbrink, Charles A. DeWet, Robert B. Lacy R. Lowell Miller, Clyde C. Sherwood, Frank E. Swan, and Mrs. E. R. Widdis.

Brownies Have Outing

The Brownie Pack had their first outing of the season at Camp Ba-Elodr in Alvarado Park. Mrs. Emily Greeley, the local director, had charge of the group with Miss Eloise Krumdick assisting with the songs and games enjoyed. A nature study of trees surrounding the camp was rehearsed. All enjoyed the picnic lunch followed by a marshmallow roast over the camp fire.

MADISON SQUARE GARDENS

By Frankie Neil

The New Year's boxing card of Madison Square Gardens was a compendium in the fine art of amateur fisticuffing as the several botus presented were above reproach.

However, the joys of Promoter Louie Davis are not unalloyed. In amateur circles the matter of topping the card is not always appreciated by fighters who do not go for cash, and A dAvila, through fear, or for some other reason did not appear to meet Earl Booker, fast colored lightweight Golden Gloves champion. In my opinion that should bar Avila in the future unless he has some legitimate excuse; but in the meantime there should be someone who is not a bit chicken-hearted to meet young Booker.

"BILLY" MASON VISITS

This week has been pleasant for many of the old ttimers and leading citizens on the occasion of the visit of William D. Mason, manager of the Sun Oil Company refinery in Philadelphia. He has been banqueted and feted by "those who knew him when" he worked in the ranks and later was manager of the Richmond refinery. We here, in Point Richmond, appreciated the fact that Mr. Mason, in company with Tom McCormick went quietly around visiting old friends here.

TOPNOTCHERS by KET

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rodolia and small son, Joe, Jr., with Mr. and Mrs. C. Oddstad spent the weekend at Yosemite enjoying the snow and the winter games.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. George spent last week in Corning and Weed. They were accompanied by their two children Marian and Donald.

The pageant given by the Trinity Church School last Friday night was enjoyed by a fine audience.

Prof. an dMr.s Weaver of Western Drive made a holiday trip to Los Angeles and Boulder Dam last week.

By the Editor

S. M. U. was smothered by Stanford in the 1936 Rose Bowl Game. That's the kindest way to put it.

The boys from our old home Lone Star state, rated national champions, seemed lost in their own conceit, tried vainly to make their vaunted aerial attack work. All Keith Topping and "Monk" Moscrip, Stanford ends, had to do was to stand out in front and break up passes with no fear that the Texans would try to cross 'em up with a line play once in a while because these Mustangs were out to show how good they were at forward-passing, at whatever cost. So it cost them the game.

This writer has always been partial to Southwestern football, feeling that the lads down there had never been properly recognized until this year.

But for S. M. U. to come out here and attempt a "fat head" game against a magnificent team like Stanford that they would not even try against T. C. U., Baylor, A. & M., Rice, or even Daniel Baker . . . . . well, they were lucky the score was only 7 to 0 against them.

While Stanford loses many of her fine players next year the remarkable kicking of Paulman and general play of Moscrip argues well for next year's prospects.

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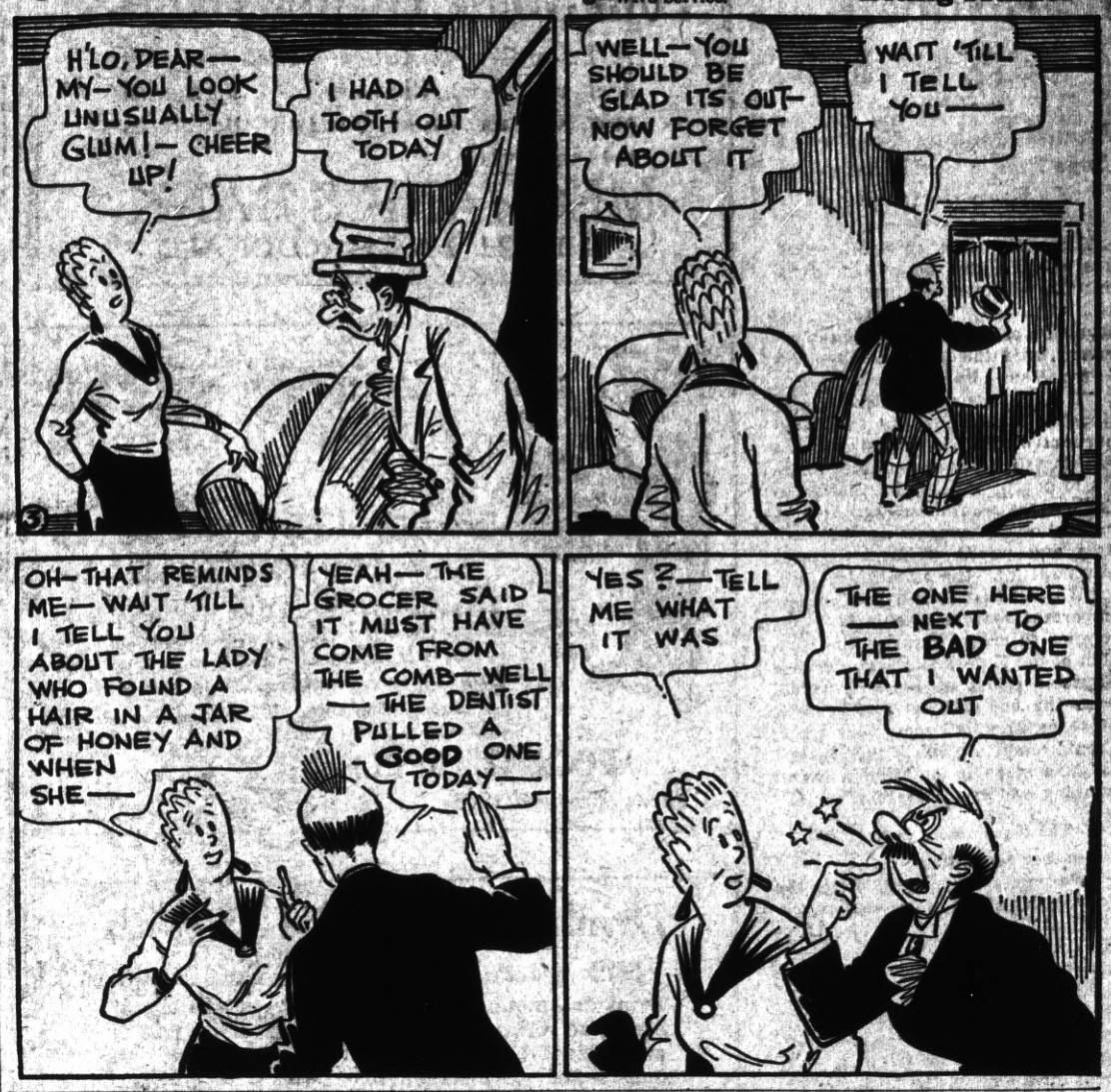

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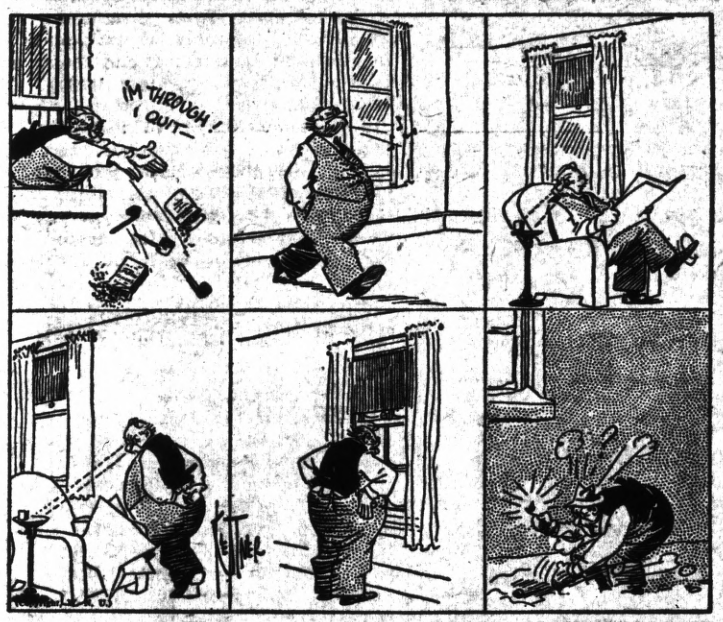


All Husbands the Same

Mistress (explaining routine to new cook)—Now, my husband always goes to his club Wednesday evening.

Cook—I understand, ma'am. So he won't want no breakfast Thursday.—Pearson's Weekly.

ADVANCING

"How's yer boy down at college?"

"Not very good, I guess. He wrote he was halfback an' now he tells us he's fullback."

Tribute

"What has become of Bronco Bob?" asked the traveling man.

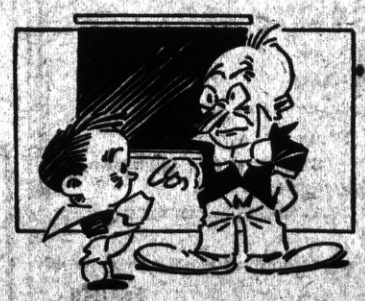
"He got the usual epitaph," said Mesa Bill, "which reads, 'He was a good sheriff while he lasted.'"

SUCH IS LIFE

By Charles Sughroe

Puzzling

OH, NOAH, OF COURSE



Teacher—In the history of big business, the man I'm speaking of was probably the first to float a great company.

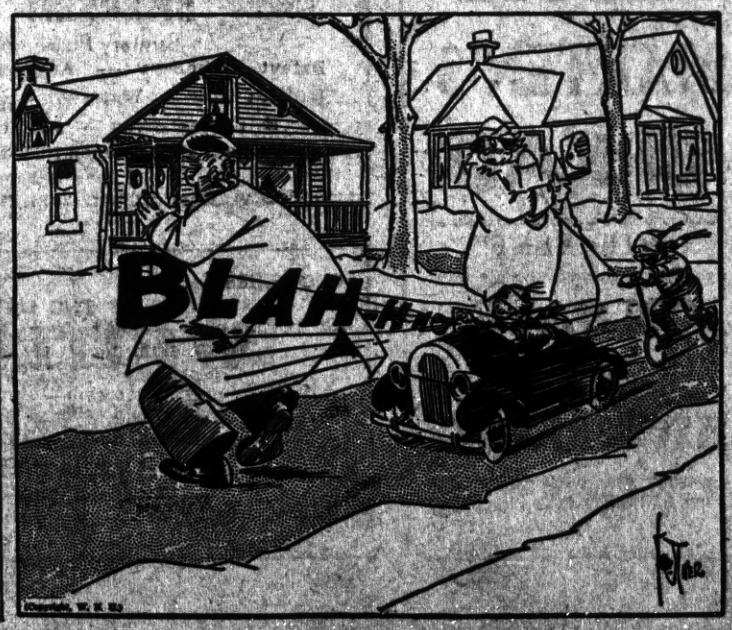
Pupil—How about Noah, sir?

Relationship

"You must keep politics out of business."

"Can't be done," said Mr. Dustin Stax. "It is the duty of business to raise the taxes that politicians feel obliged to spend."

Along the Concrete



PUBLIC ATTITUDE HELPS THE BANKS

Annual Bankers Convention Says Public Confidence Has Been Restored

The restoration of public confidence in banking has put it in the position where it can function fully and vigorously in playing its full economic part in the progress of recovery, said the American Bankers Association in its annual convention.

"The passage of a generally constructive banking law in the Banking Act of 1935 has stabilized the banking situation and enabled bankers to devote undivided attention to the normal administration of their institutions in promoting the business and public welfare of their communities," the resolutions said.

"We feel that it is a particularly important feature of this law that it aims to create through the revision of the Federal Reserve Board a Supreme Court of Finance which, with the non-political appointment of exceptionally competent men, should constitute one of the greatest forward steps in building a sound banking and credit system."

The Government in Banking

Another resolution said:

"We particularly emphasize the desirability of the retirement of government from those fields of extending credits of various types which can be adequately served by privately owned institutions. We recognize that the exigencies of the now passing depression made necessary a large participation by government for a time in the task of meeting emergency financial needs.

"Those conditions have been largely remedied and the obligation now rests upon the banks and other financial agencies to demonstrate to the people of this country that they are fully able and willing to meet all demands upon them for sound credit cooperation. It is our duty as bankers to facilitate in every effective way the retirement of government agencies from credit activities by promoting public understanding of the proper function of privately owned banking."

School Savings

During the school year which closed June 30, 1935, American school children to the number of 2,826,388 deposited $11,575,900 in school savings, reports to the American Bankers Association show.

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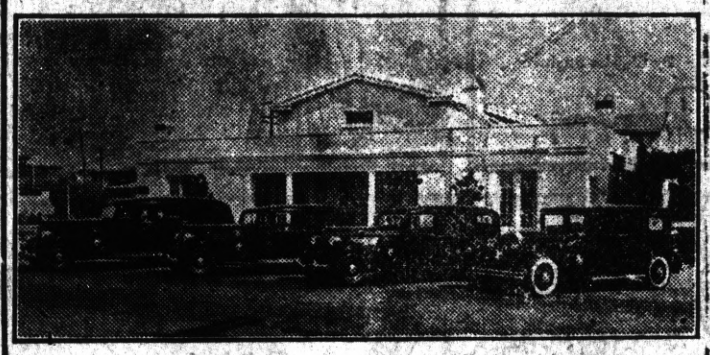

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MAKING IT HARDER FOR BANK ROBBERS

Mechanical Devices That Impede the Work of Bandits Described by Bankers Association Official.

The impediments which the hard working bank robber now meets in plying his trade among small as well as large banks are described by James E. Baum, Deputy Manager American Bankers Association in charge of its Protective Department, in an article in "Banking" published by his organization.

"Protective equipment will minimize if not prevent loss," Mr. Baum says, "such as the silent automatic type of alarm, approved tear gas systems, several styles of bandit resisting enclosures and timelocks, or safes equipped with timelocks, which can be set for intervals of a few minutes.

"The silent automatic alarms operate in the beginning of a holdup and through action carried out by the bank employees in obedience to the bandits' commands. They are adaptable to the smaller banks which continue to be easiest targets for bank robbery.

Tear Gas Systems

"Tear gas systems have their advantages as self-contained protective units where outside aid is inconvenient or too remote from the bank to be effective. One objection to the use of tear gas in preventing holdup is the need of pressing a lever or button to discharge it. Although this necessary action seems too much to expect of the victims in a crisis where their lives are in jeopardy, the fact remains that tear gas systems have defeated bank robbery. Its deterrent value is also important.

"Different styles of bandit resisting enclosures are available. The lock manufacturers also produce timelocks which can be set to open at intervals of five minutes or longer. These locks are especially adapted for attachment to small safes or chests for safeguarding surplus funds while the bank is open for business."

Agriculture and Industry

Returns for the first quarter of 1935 for industrial corporations publishing quarterly reports show net profits 21 per cent more than for the same in 1934. The total farm value of all important crops, exclusive of livestock, rose in 1934 to $4,782,423,000, as compared with $4,114,266,000 in the previous year and $2,852,195,000 in 1932.

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